

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

MARTHA C. MORRISON
Deputy Clerk.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, June 20, 2003.

Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,
The Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, I have the honor to transmit sealed envelopes received from the White House on June 20, 2003, at 1:45 p.m. and said to contain messages from the President whereby he submits a copy of a notice filed earlier with the *Federal Register* continuing the emergency with respect to the Western Balkans first declared in Executive Order 13219 of June 26, 2001, and where by he submits a 6-month periodic report in accordance with 50 USC 1641 (c) and 50 USC 1703 (c) on the national emergency with respect to the Western Balkans.

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SIX-MONTH REPORT ON NATIONAL EMERGENCY WITH RESPECT TO WESTERN BALKANS—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES (H. DOC. NO. 108- 86)

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following message from the President of the United States; which was read and, together with the accompanying papers, without objection, referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered to be printed:

To the Congress of the United States:

Consistent with section 401(c) of the National Emergencies Act, 50 U.S.C. 1641(c), and section 204(c) of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act, 50 U.S.C. 1703(c), I transmit herewith a 6-month report prepared by my Administration on the national emergency with respect to the Western Balkans that was declared in Executive Order 13219 of June 26, 2001.

GEORGE W. BUSH.
THE WHITE HOUSE, June 20, 2003.

CONTINUATION OF NATIONAL EMERGENCY WITH RESPECT TO WESTERN BALKANS—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES (H. DOC. NO. 108- 87)

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following message from the President of the United States; which was read and, together with the accompanying papers, without objection, referred to the Committee

on International Relations and ordered to be printed:

To the Congress of the United States:

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)) provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency unless, prior to the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the *Federal Register* and transmits to the Congress a notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. Consistent with this provision, I have sent the enclosed notice, stating that the Western Balkans emergency is to continue in effect beyond June 26, 2003, to the *Federal Register* for publication. The most recent notice continuing this emergency was published in the *Federal Register* on June 25, 2002, 67 Fed. Reg. 42703.

The crisis constituted by the actions of persons engaged in, or assisting, sponsoring, or supporting, (i) extremist violence in the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, and elsewhere in the Western Balkans region, or (ii) acts obstructing implementation of the Dayton Accords in Bosnia or United Nations Security Council Resolution 1244 of June 10, 1999, in Kosovo, that led to the declaration of a national emergency on June 26, 2001, has not been resolved. Subsequent to the declaration of the national emergency, acts obstructing implementation of the Ohrid Framework Agreement of 2001 in the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, have also become a concern. All of these actions are hostile to U.S. interests and pose a continuing unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security and foreign policy of the United States. For these reasons, I have determined that it is necessary to continue the national emergency declared with respect to the Western Balkans and maintain in force the comprehensive sanctions to respond to this threat.

GEORGE W. BUSH.
THE WHITE HOUSE, June 20, 2003.

PRIVILEGED REPORT REQUESTING PRESIDENT TO TRANSMIT TO HOUSE DOCUMENTS RELATING TO IRAQ'S WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION

Mr. GREEN of Wisconsin, from the Committee on International Relations, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 168) on the resolution (H. Res. 260) requesting the President to transmit to the House of Representatives documents or other materials in the President's possession relating to Iraq's weapons of mass destruction, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8, rule XX, the Chair will postpone further proceedings today on

motions to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas and nays are ordered or on which the vote is objected to under clause 6 of rule XX.

Record votes on postponed questions will be taken after 6:30 p.m. today.

EXPRESSING SYMPATHY FOR VIC- TIMS OF ALGERIAN EARTH- QUAKE

Mr. GREEN of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution (H. Res. 264) expressing sympathy for the victims of the devastating earthquake that struck Algeria on May 21, 2003.

The Clerk read as follows:

H. RES. 264

Whereas, on the evening of May 21, 2003, a devastating and deadly earthquake of a magnitude of 6.8 on the Richter scale with a depth of 6 miles struck northern Algeria, killing more than 2,260 people, injuring more than 10,000, and leaving more than 200,000 homeless;

Whereas the earthquake of May 21, 2003, has left thousands of buildings in ruins and has severely disrupted health services, water supply lines, electricity, and telecommunications in Algeria and affected cities;

Whereas severe aftershocks with magnitudes greater than 4.0 have continued to terrify the people of Algeria and hamper rescue efforts;

Whereas the strength, courage, and determination of the Government and people of Algeria has been displayed since the earthquake;

Whereas the people of the United States and Algeria share strong friendship and mutual respect;

Whereas the United States airlifted to the earthquake-affected population 17,000 blankets, 1800 tents, electrical equipment, water purification kits, and 3 medical supply kits that will benefit 10,000 people over 3 months;

Whereas the United States has released \$50,000 to the Algerian Red Crescent Society for emergency relief supplies; and

Whereas the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) launched an emergency appeal for humanitarian and relief assistance to address the devastation caused by the powerful earthquake: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives—

(1) expresses its deepest sympathies to the people of Algeria and particularly to the families of the victims and the survivors for the tragic losses suffered as a result of the earthquake of May 21, 2003;

(2) expresses its support for the people and to the Government of Algeria as they continue their efforts to rebuild their cities and their lives;

(3) expresses support for humanitarian assistance provided by the United States Agency for International Development and other American and international relief organizations;

(4) recognizes the important role that is being played by the United States and the international community in providing assistance to alleviate the suffering of the people of Algeria; and

(5) encourages a continued commitment by the United States and other countries and international organizations to the rebuilding of the earthquake-affected areas in Algeria.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from